



South Florida Water Management District

Governing Board Projects & Lands Committee MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2008

8:30 AM

District Headquarters - Storch Room
3301 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Members Present:

Melissa Meeker

Jerry Montgomery

Patrick Rooney

1. Call Meeting to Order - Pat Rooney, Chair

Chair Rooney called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Governing Board member Charles Dauray was in attendance.

Mr. Rooney reported that either he or Ms. Meeker will be attending upcoming Audit and Finance Committee meetings and invited Audit and Finance members to attend the Project and Lands Committee meetings.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes for the January 31, 2008, meeting held in West Palm Beach and for the April 8, 2008, meeting held in Okeechobee, Florida

Motion made by Melissa Meeker, seconded by Jerry Montgomery to approve the following item:(2). Vote called. Voting yes: Melissa Meeker, Patrick Rooney, Jerry Montgomery. Motion passed.

3. Changes to Agenda - Annette Carter, Director, Office of Governing Board & Executive Services

Annette Carter, Director, Office of Governing Board & Executive Services, reported there were no changes to the agenda.

4. **Project & Lands Committee Charter** - Ken Ammon, Deputy Executive Director, Everglades Restoration (ext. 4220)

Ken Ammon, Deputy Executive Director, Everglades Restoration, reviewed the major responsibilities of the 3-person committee per Chapter 140, of the District's Policies and Procedures. Generally, the committee is responsible for providing oversight for the Districts capital improvement projects, minimum flows and levels, land acquisitions, and land management efforts. The revised charter will be provided on the September Consent Agenda for Governing Board approval.

5. **C-111 Spreader Canal Update** - Tommy Strowd, Assistant Deputy Executive Director, Everglades Restoration Resource Area/Dewey Worth, Division Director, Southern Everglades Restoration (ext. 4210/3715)

John Mitnik, Director, Northern Everglades Division, provided information on the project status and focus of previous meetings. Next step - Staff and members of the project team will be working with the WRAC Operations Issues Workshop to develop operational flexibility and establish a base set of operations that are consistent with the Project Implementation Report.

6. **SAP Project System (PS) Implementation Plan** - Rich Sands, Project Manager Principal (ext. 2902)

Rich Sands, Project Manager Principal, Watershed Department, provided an update on the status of the Districts use of SAP Project Systems to track and manage District projects. All District projects will be entered into and managed utilizing Project Systems. This will allow improved management and decision making regarding projects.

7. **Lake Point Update** - Ruth Clements, Director, Land Acquisition and Land Management Department (ext. 6271)

Ms. Clements, Director, Land Acquisition and Land Management Department, presented information on the benefits of the acquisition and informed the committee that Martin County voted unanimously in favor of the project. Martin County will be treating the effort as a District project. The general information, benefits and feasibility study results will be presented at this Governing Board meeting.

8. **Clarification of Beneficial Interest Affidavit** - Ruth Clements, Director, Land Acquisition and Land Management Department (ext. 6271)

Ruth Clements provided background information regarding the statutory requirements for disclosure of beneficial interests involving land acquisitions. The purpose of the item is to clarify the Districts beneficial interest affidavit. All individuals and entities must disclose any ownership interest, except individuals with employee stock options with less than 1% interest. Individuals and entities must disclose if they will get a benefit from the successful acquisition, except attorneys fees as a result of legal representation. Ms. Clements has recommended that the Governing Board vote to have a District policy on beneficial interests. The policy will be on the September Consent Agenda for Governing Board approval.

9. Review of pending Environmental Resource Permits and Water Use Permits - Chip Merriam, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources (ext. 6597)

Chip Merriam asked the committee what information they would like to see regarding permit applications. Melissa Meeker requested that staff develop a ranking system addressing development type, development size, public interest, habitat type and location, where the higher ranked projects will be brought to the Governing Board for input.

10. Lake Okeechobee Emergency Project, S65E Weir - Cled Weldon, Director, Engineering Department, Operations and Maintenance Resource Area (ext. 6282)

Larry Carter, Assistant Deputy Executive Director provided an update on the S-65E Weir. The project has been completed and an article is published in Engineering News Record.

11. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Mr. Rooney requested the Project and Lands Committee meet monthly.

Mr. Rooney adjourned the meeting at 9:15 am.

Motion made by Jerry Montgomery, seconded by Melissa Meeker to adjourn the meeting. Vote called. Voting yes: Melissa Meeker, Patrick Rooney, Jerry Montgomery. Motion passed.

Patrick Rooney
Chairman
Project and Lands Committee

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